

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein 

SUBJECT: Rescue Squad / Rescue Truck or Engine Dispatch Pilot Program

Based on Personal Injury Collision (PIC) response data collected over the last two years, MCFRS will conduct a one year pilot program dispatching only the closest rescue truck, rescue squad, or rescue engine to 29 Alpha or 29 Bravo incidents on roadways with speed limits of 40mph or higher.

This pilot does not change the dispatch assignments on roadways below 40mph, 29 Charlie or 29 Delta incidents, nor does it affect blocking units or alternate lane responses.

After dispatch of a 29 Alpha or Bravo incident, if the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) receives more information that the PIC meets 29 Charlie or Delta criteria, they must dispatch the balance of the new call type. If a unit arrives and finds the need for extrication, it should have ECC dispatch the balance of the assignment.

During the pilot program, MCFRS will collect data on incident outcomes. For incidents found to have no extrication resources dispatched prior to arrival or any events that were dispatched as a 29 Alpha or Bravo that should have been a 29 Charlie or Delta the Incident Commander must e-mail the Operations Battalion Chief. The e-mail must include: the date, time, incident number, and a brief description of the event and any resource shortfall.

After the one year pilot program the Operations Chief will evaluate the response data, with input from the rescue squad/rescue truck work group, and make a recommendation to the Fire Chief.

For questions or further clarification contact Communications Section Chief.